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Army's holiday dinner

All military personnel, family members, guests of military personnel, military retirees and Department of Defense civilians are cordially invited to experience the Army's version of Thanksgiving dinner.

The Thunderbird Dining Facility will serve the Thanksgiving meal today, from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Virginia Hall Dining Facility begins dishing up tasty treats Thursday. Meal card holders can dine from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other authorized diners can eat from noon to 3 p.m.

Officers, enlisted personnel on basic subsistence allowance, contractor food service personnel, military family members, military retirees, civilians and guests pay \$5.20 for the meals. Family members of enlisted personnel in grades E-1 through E-4 pay \$4.30. Personal checks will not be accepted at the dining facilities.

In keeping with Army tradition, officers and senior enlisted personnel will help serve the meals.

RV storage lot

All military members, retired or active duty, who currently have a vehicle in the RV Storage Lot, near MWR Rents, must update their information with Vehicle Registration in the Military Police Station.

Those who do not update their information will lose their reserved space in the RV lot.

Military Pay closed

The Defense Military Pay Office, located at Building 22334, and the In/Out Processing along with the Travel Section at Whitside Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday. The office will reopen Monday at 8:30 a.m. to assist soldiers.

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Early Saturday morning firefighters from Fort Huachuca Fire Stations #1 and #2, and Military Police responded to a house fire at 162 Jeffords.

Neighbor Sgt. Antwon Davis, 269th Signal Company, noticed the fire at approximately 4:45 a.m. and called 911.

Davis said he helped the occupant of the burning quarters, Spc. Carl A. Gaddy, Company B., 40th Signal Battalion, out of the house. He then reentered the structure after Gaddy said his two-year-old daughter was still in the house. His search did not find the child.

It was later learned the girl was at her godparents' home. Gaddy, apparently confused by the situation, had forgotten that he had taken his daughter to spend Friday night with her godparents.

The fire department arrived and found the kitchen was totally involved in fire and there was extensive smoke throughout the house.

Estimated damaged to the family quarters is in excess of \$5000. An initial investigation indicates the fire originated from



Photos by Maj. Daniel T. Williams

A house fire early Saturday morning caused over \$5000 damage to Fort Huachuca family quarters 162 Jeffords. An investigation determined the fire was caused by faulty wiring behind the kitchen stove.

the stove in the kitchen area.

According to Fire Chief Stephen W. Hauck, further investigation determined that the fire was caused by faulty wiring behind the kitchen stove.



Post recognizes individual conservation efforts

By Pfc. Alicia M. Maskarine
HHC, USAG

Fort Huachuca recognized outstanding individuals on Nov. 15 for their contributions to the post being selected for recent national energy and water conservation awards.

Fort Huachuca reduced its water usage by 86 million gallons a year. Not only did Fort Huachuca achieve this reduction in water but it was also 5.4 percent below the Training and Doctrine Command energy goal.

The conservation that Fort Huachuca accomplished in fiscal year 1999 included 493,000 gallons of water and 91,254 million BTU's of electricity.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca, said the Department of Army Energy Award, Presidential Energy Award and the TRADOC Installation Environmental Award was made possible with the hard work and dedication of individuals within the garrison staff.

The team effort that was recognized came from the Directorate

of Installation Support Environmental and Engineering Divisions, Directorate of Contracting and the Staff Judge Advocate. Thomas presented the award for Water Conservation to Mike Shaughnessey and Gretchen Kent, and the Energy Award to Craig Hansen of DIS, along with his sincere appreciation for their untiring efforts in making these awards happen.

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Maj. Gen John D. Thomas Jr.

Col. Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander, USAIC&FH, presented The Commander's Award for Civilian Service to Rob Bridges, Jim Hessil, Kent, Sheridan Stone, Shaughnessey and Tom Cochran, all from DIS; and Dan Haws from the SJA.

Boardman also presented Commander's Coins to John Miller, Kim Bartlein and Marjorie Houghland, all from DIS; and Linda Mayette from DOC, and John Roberts and Joanne Kirchner, Environmental and Engineering Consultants, Ginger Maxie and Cheri Melton from the Water Wise Program.

Boardman stated that Fort Huachuca is very proud to honor some of the best dedicated and professional people within the command.

The Scout’s Chaplain

Thank goodness for turkey

**By Chap. (Maj.) Stan Copeland
306th MI Bn. Chaplain**

It’s turkey time again!
Here are several ideas to consider.
The pilgrims were not the first to set aside a day for expressing their gratitude to God for the harvest. The Greeks and the Romans paid tribute to their agricultural goddesses, the Anglo-Saxons celebrated Lammass and Harvest Home, and the Jews have the eight-day Sukkot or Feast of Tabernacles.
The first American Thanksgiving was entirely religious, and took place on Dec. 4, 1619, when a group of 38 English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation on the James River. Their charter decreed that their day of arrival be celebrated yearly as a day of thanksgiving to God.
Most Americans think of the first “official” Thanksgiving as being the one that took place at Plymouth Colony in October 1621, a year after the Pilgrims first landed on the New England coast.
They were joined in their three-day feast by Massasoit, the chief of the Wampanoag tribe, and about 90 of his fellow tribesmen. It wasn’t until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a day to give thanks.
In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday one week

earlier to allow more time for Christmas shopping.
Congress ruled that the fourth Thursday of November would be the legal federal holiday of Thanksgiving after 1941.
Our modern Thanksgiving is also said to be a combination of two very different and very old holidays.
The first was the harvest home feast which was celebrated when the main crops were harvested, and the second is the formal day of thanksgiving proclaimed by a community’s authorities to focus attention on a particular event, such as a military victory, or the need for rain, etc.
During and after the Revolutionary War (1775-1783), a desire for a national holiday, instead of the previous local holidays, resulted in an attempt to combine harvest home with the formal day of thanksgiving.
George Washington noted in his orderly book on Oct. 31, 1777, “Tomorrow being the day set apart by the honorable Congress for Public Thanksgiving and praise, and duty calling us devoutly to express our grateful acknowledgments to God for the manifold blessings he has granted us...”
Later in 1789, as president, he appointed the last Thursday in November as

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Dear Abby brings holiday cheer to members of Armed Forces

Operation DEAR ABBY release
Over the last 16 years, Abigail Van Buren, through her nationally syndicated column, has brought goodwill and cheer to the men and women of the armed forces. During the holiday season she solicits patriotic Americans to send cards and letters to our servicemembers stationed overseas. This solicitation is coined Operation DEAR ABBY.
There are four addresses identified for use in Operation DEAR ABBY for the 2000 holiday season. These addresses will be published in Dear Abby columns shortly. We are not targeting specific units or countries, rather we are targeting major U.S. military Aerial Mail Terminals and Fleet Mail Centers overseas. These mail hubs will receive the mail and distribute it on a fair share basis to all services across the board. This system should preclude over burdening transportation assets or inundating specific units, providing wider distribution to service members.
To send mail to a specific area, address it to the closest geographic hub, which will distribute the mail to all services in the area that it supports. In order for the system to cover the widest possible area, the addresses must remain generic. Addresses other than those listed below will not determine the distribution. For example, a letter addressed to a “soldier” may be distributed to an airman, sailor or Marine.
These addresses will only be open for the holiday period until Jan. 15, 2001. The United States Postal Service began accepting mail on Nov. 15. After Jan. 15, the APOs/FPOs will close and USPS will no longer accept mail for these addresses. To ensure that the mail is received within the required time window and falls within the DoD security guidelines, the mail will be limited to first class letter mail 13 ounces or less.

This year’s addresses are:

Any Service Member OPERATION DEAR ABBY Europe and South West Asia APO AE 09135	Any Service Member OPERATION DEAR ABBY Far East APO AP 96285
Any Service Member OPERATION DEAR ABBY Mediterranean Basin FPO AE 09646	Any Service Member OPERATION DEAR ABBY Pacific Basin FPO AP 96385

Commander’s Corner

Garrison commander stresses safety during holiday season

**By Col. Michael W. Boardman
Garrison commander, USAIC&FH**

Thanksgiving is a special holiday when soldiers, civilians, and loved ones gather with family and friends to celebrate the bounties of this great nation.
First, I want to extend special holiday wishes to our soldiers and civilians supporting our nation at home and overseas.
Second, I want to look ahead to the 37 days remaining in 2000 and at the start of the New Year, and discuss safety. Safety at home, safety on the highways and safety anywhere you may be.

As we enter this holiday season, unit commanders and leaders should use risk management to assess POV risks associated with holiday travel. POV accidents account for 67 percent of all Army deaths.
We can continue to reduce POV accidents by providing our soldiers and civilians the necessary tools to assess risks during the holiday.
Drinking and driving are always a problem, not just during the holidays, but at all times. There can be no more terrible waste of human life or cause of human suffering than that caused by a driver who has had too much to drink.

Take the slogan “Friends don’t let friends drive drunk” to heart and save a friends life by taking his or her car keys away and driving them home.
At a minimum, commanders should remind your soldiers, civilians, and their families to wear seatbelts; to avoid drinking and driving; to perform a five minute safety inspection of the family vehicle; and encourage them to take frequent breaks during their travels.
Thanksgiving Day is a holiday for giving and sharing our gratitude. It is also the start of the long holiday season. If we are careful, we can make this holiday season one to remember as accident free.

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Fort Huachuca exceeds CFC goal of \$290K

CFC release

Fort Huachuca donations totaled \$322,016.04 — the most the post has ever collected for CFC.

Capt. Melissa Miles, Capt. Mary Thompson and all of the organization Key Workers would like to thank everyone that has helped to make this years campaign another success.

The campaign also far exceeded the amount of gifts given out this year — so far there are 177 leadership givers, 228 double pacesetters and 526 pacesetters. That is 931 out of the 2347 contributors that went above and beyond (that is about 40 percent).

The generosity and caring of the personnel on Fort Huachuca is certainly something special. It has been a wonderful experience seeing the total grow each week and knowing that through these wonderful donations many worthy causes will receive the money they need.

As you can see from the chart, the organizations on Fort Huachuca did an outstanding job. The Naco and

Organization	Contributions	# Givers	Cents/Day
Garrison	\$37,925.00	246	\$0.06
112th MI BDE	\$59,105.40	344	\$0.16
111th MI BDE	\$68,812.16	610	\$0.10
11th SIG BDE	\$53,616.00	627	\$0.11
USASC	\$38,818.04	180	\$0.18
MEDDAC	\$13,151.00	86	\$0.10
Other FHU*	\$50,588.44	254	\$0.11

*Other FHU includes: AAFES, TMDE, JITC, ISEC, EPG, DECA, 489th Maintenance Company, 902 MI Group, Defense Security Service and WCPOC.

Sonoita Boarder Patrols also did outstanding by collecting over \$12,000, which will be added along with Fort Huachuca to the Cochise County total.

The totals listed are still unofficial. Contributions are still coming in, although the official campaign ended Oct. 31. Tucson will send out the official results after the audit and tallies are complete.

Beneficiaries can help avoid medical bill problems

By Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — There are several steps TRICARE beneficiaries can take to avoid getting in hot water over unpaid medical bills, military health care officials said.

TRICARE officials have learned several lessons since implementing the Debt Collection Assistance Officer program, July 26. The program is designed to help beneficiaries deal with unpaid medical bills that have been sent to a collection agent or a credit bureau.

The beneficiary should first make sure information on the TRICARE explanation of benefits notification is correct. “It’s easy for mistakes to occur when people are coding in numbers and letters,” said Marcia Bonifas, TRICARE Management Activity’s director of customer service and beneficiary education. “If a social security number or procedure code is one number off, it can result in a claim denial.

“This can be resolved much more quickly if the beneficiary notices the problem and immediately calls the claims processor,” she said.

Beneficiaries should also make better use of beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators at each military medical treatment facility.

“When beneficiaries receive a dunning notice, a notice

We want to solve problems as early in the process as possible.

Air Force Col. Frank Cumberland

that the bill has not yet gone to a collection agency but it will if not paid within 30 days, the coordinators will take that on and work with the claims processor to get it paid,” Bonifas said. This advice also applies to any bill beneficiaries don’t understand.

“If you get a bill and you’re not sure what it is, get it in to your TRICARE Service Center and get them engaged early,” Air Force Col. Frank Cumberland, the agency’s director of communications, said. “Individuals should identify problems as early as they sense them. We want to solve problems as early in the process as possible.”

Since the program began, Bonifas noted, beneficiaries have made good use of the Internet to get correct information about the debt collection program. “They see it on the front page [of the TRICARE home page] and know exactly where they need to go if they get some sort of notification or have a question,” she said.

About 300 claims have been brought to the debt collection assistance officers, and officials say half of them have been resolved already. “Our goal is to get each claim settled within 30 days of our finding out about it,” Bonifas said.

For more information, visit the TRICARE Management Activity Debt Collection Assistance web page at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/dcao/>.

CFC announces unit awards

CFC release

There will be a Post CFC Awards Ceremony Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. in the Greely Hall Auditorium. The ceremony will recognize all the unit key workers that made the 2000 CFC campaign a huge success.

Also, individuals that were Leadership Givers will be receiving a letter of appreciation. Plaques will be given as Unit Awards to units that placed first, second and third in their categories. Unit Recognition Certificates will be given to units that had increases in their campaign from last year.

Unit Awards will be given in the following categories: Extra Small (0-25), Small (26-75), Medium (76-200), Large (201-500) and Extra Large (501 and above).

EXTRA SMALL	UNIT	CENTS/DAY
PLACE	HHC/ASC	.64
FIRST	CMH/MEDDAC	.40
SECOND	METS/MEDDAC	.31
THIRD		
SMALL	UNIT	CENTS/DAY
PLACE	CPAC	.37
FIRST	G8/ASC	.37
SECOND	HQ/GAR	.27
THIRD	C/40	.26
MEDIUM	UNIT	CENTS/DAY
PLACE	JITC	.35
FIRST	A/306 MI BN	.31
SECOND	A/304 MI BN	.18
THIRD		
LARGE	UNIT	CENTS/DAY
PLACE	306 MI BN	.25
FIRST	C/304	.16
SECOND	40 SIG BN	.15
THIRD	ISEC	.15
THIRD		
EXTRA LARGE	UNIT	CENTS/DAY
PLACE	ASC	.18
FIRST	112 MI BDE	.16
SECOND	11 SIG BDE	.11
THIRD	86 SIG BN	.11
THIRD		

A Gold Unit Recognition Certificate will be given to units that increased in at least two of the following: percentage of participation, average gift or contribution per capita.

Unit representatives were given a list of what certificates their units would be receiving.

If you would like more information about the ceremony or what your unit will be receiving, call Capt. Mary Thompson at 533-3245.

Alternative Futures meeting set

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

A meeting on the Alternative Futures Study will be held Dec. 1, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Mona Bishop Room of the Sierra Vista Library.

Dr. Carl Steinitz of the Harvard Design School and Dr. Thomas Maddock of the University of Arizona’s Department of Hydrology and Water Resources will make presentations.

A draft final presentation for the project Alternatives Futures for the Upper San Pedro River Basin Arizona, USA and Sonora, Mexico will be made public.

The study’s aim is to enable more informed and robust decision-making for land-use planning. Army officials at Fort Huachuca and the Training and Doctrine Command have offered this award-winning approach to land-use to assist local and regional planners.

Alert: use caution dialing some area codes

By Jim Divelbiss
DISA-NCR Telecom Services

There is a costly scam that is spreading quickly in response to e-mails, pages, phone calls and web pages.

The area code 809 is located in the Dominican Republic, while the 500 (5XX) and 700 (7XX) area codes are located in the Caribbean and Vanuatu, a country located in the Pacific Coral Sea Islands.

This scam has many varieties and may involve a message to you advising to immediately dial the number with the offending area code.

The message may advise that you must call to avoid litigation, winning a prize, an ill family member or information about someone that has been arrested or died.

If you dial these area codes for any rea-

son, you may generate a costly charge of up to \$25 per-minute. These area codes can be used as a “pay-per-call” number, similar to 900 numbers in the U.S., and are not covered by U.S. regulations.

— Ensure you identify the party when dialing area codes 809, 5XX and 7XX.

— Disregard e-mails, pager and voice mail messages and web pages instructing you to dial these area codes.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michele Spencer, DISA Arlington Telephone Management Office at (703) 607-6671.

Further details are also provided at the Internet ScamBusters web site, <http://www.scambusters.org/809Scam.html> and the DISC22 web site <https://datahouse.disa.mil/discc/tmo.html>.

Got news?
Call The Scout at 533-1987.

How to handle trauma of Thanksgiving visit home

American Counseling Association release

This month will see the beginning of the “holiday visit home” season. And, although the Thanksgiving holiday is still several weeks off, lots of people already have plans for and, unfortunately, anxieties about that upcoming family gathering around the turkey dinner.

Many of us look forward to these opportunities to renew relationships with our parents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, and their families. We see this as a warm and inclusive environment that is secure and reminiscent of our childhood where, in our innocence, we felt that we “belonged.”

But for others of us, there may be mixed feelings about that holiday trip. It may be a time of anxiety or conflict. We may feel troubled over the warm and happy feelings that we “should” be having about a family visit, and the uncomfortable or nervous feelings, or a sense of dread, that we actually are experiencing. We’ve been led to believe by Ozzie and Harriet television images that these occasions are all warm and fuzzy, when the reality of past visits might have been something quite different.

There are a number of reasons why holiday visits can feel so traumatic:

— There may be old wounds. Perhaps the memories of your childhood or teen years are not very pleasant. You may not have felt that you belonged with your family as much as you were held captive. A holiday visit can easily rekindle those memories.

— You’ve changed. You’ve grown intellectually, emotionally, and psychologically since you left home, yet your parents or other family members may be expecting the same person they knew you to be when you were younger. They carry with them the remembered image of you as the “good kid” or the “bad kid,” but you no longer are that kid. You may feel you are being treated as the child you once were, rather than the responsible adult you’ve become.

— Things have not worked out as expected. Perhaps

there has been a divorce, financial problems, or a job that isn’t working out. Your parents or family may have had expectations for you that are far different from who and what you really are. You may find it difficult to face the fact that you are not the person they expected you to become. And you may find that they are not able to understand the struggles you have faced or the burdens life has given you to carry.

There can be many reasons why a holiday visit may seem unpleasant, but what can be done to minimize the negative effects? First, you need to realize that one reason such trips feel uncomfortable is that you’re experiencing a normal reaction to stress. Plan your trip to include activities you know are enjoyable and less stressful. Plan on spending time with a favorite family member, or finding ways to be by yourself.

Perhaps it would help if the trip were a bit shorter. Stay only as long as is needed to avoid being rude or insensitive to other family members. Most importantly, remember not to try to change things over which you have no control. Be sure you are not frustrating yourself by expecting parents or other family members to change in a certain way. They will have changed, to be sure, but each in his or her own way just as surely as you have changed in yours.

Lastly, if the trip home promises to be significantly traumatic and, for whatever reason, cannot be avoided, it may help to visit with a counselor prior to making the trip. Seeing a counseling professional is not going to provide you with instant, perfect answers, but it may realistically assist you in dealing with the visit in a more healthy fashion.

(Editor’s note: The Counseling Corner is provided as a public service by the American Counseling Association, the nation’s largest organization of counseling professionals. You can learn more about the counseling profession at the ACA web site, www.counseling.org.)

Staying here?

*By 2nd Lt. Jessica Gladney
Special to The Scout*

For those of us who will not be traveling home for Thanksgiving, there are still a number of events taking place in the area.

Fort Huachuca

Members of the public are invited to join us for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day worship service Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

The 36th Army Band brass quintet, under the direction of Sgt. 1st Class Mark Haas, will accompany Nancy Jamison, the Main Post Chapel organist, for the selection of hymns.

Sierra Vista

The Salvation Army is holding their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and is looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve the dinner. It will be held Thursday at the VFW Hall at 549 West Harvey, and volunteers are needed for shifts from 8-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 1:30-3:30 p.m. To volunteer, call Maria at 459-8411.

Bisbee

If you are up for the short drive to Bisbee, there are a number of events taking place Thanksgiving weekend to get you in the holiday spirit. On Friday, the Festival of Lights will take place at 6 p.m. in front of the Copper Queen Library. The Christmas House Craft Fair will be held Friday and Saturday in the Presbyterian Annex, and the Taste of Bisbee Wine Tasting will be on Sunday at Café Roka.

If you have questions about any of these events or would like additional information, call the Bisbee Chamber of Commerce at 432-5421.

Tucson

In addition to the variety of restaurants available for Thanksgiving dinner, there is a wide array of interesting exhibits in museums throughout the city over Thanksgiving weekend. Included in list of exhibits is one called “Nacimiento” on display at La Casa Cordova at 140 N. Main Ave. The exhibit consists of 200 miniature scenes from the life of Christ.

For more information about the numerous events throughout the city, call the Tucson Visitors’ Bureau at (520) 624-1817 or go to their web site at www.visittucson.org.

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a national thanksgiving day. Time went on, and the story of the Pilgrims became an ideal medium for fostering “Americanism.”

In 1861, the Civil War started. During the worst fighting, President Lincoln, in an attempt to bolster unionist spirit, appointed the last Thursday in November as an annual national Thanksgiving holiday.

The holiday was finally accepted, and it featured the characteristics of today — a church service in the morning, an afternoon’s feast, and a weekend of sports.

The menu centered around roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, and pumpkin pie.

Today, Thanksgiving is a time for family reunions and traditions, most of which center around the preparation of an elaborate meal featuring turkey and a dozen or so accompanying dishes. Some people go to special church services on Thanksgiving day, while some line the streets of Philadelphia and New York City, where huge toy parades are held.

In many places, Santa Claus arrives in town on this day, and the widespread sales that begin in department stores the next day mark the start of Christmas shopping season.

In celebrating this day of thanksgiving, please take the time to remember all those things for which we can actually be thankful - whether it is our health, our family, those we love, those who love us, etc. Take the time to tell your loved ones.

Keep in mind all the safety issues that go with a holiday and a long weekend —

such things include no drinking and driving, and being a good host to those who do indulge.

If you are going on a trip, has it been planned, or is it last-minute, with no preparations? Rest when you become tired while driving. Ensure young children have something to occupy their minds so they won’t become a distraction to you while you are driving.

If you are traveling, ensure your vehicle is up to the trip. Are your brakes in good condition? Do your heater and defroster work? Have you checked the fluids in the vehicle? Do the wipers work should there be a heavy rain or snow? What condition are your tires in? Are your seat belts working properly? Make sure you wear your seat belt. Do you keep emer-

gency supplies in your vehicle, such as a stash of food, water, extra clothing, sleeping bag, headgear and emergency vehicle tools.

Check with your physician prior to participating in unaccustomed physical activity; stretch before you play, and don’t play until at least an hour after you have eaten the generous feast you’ll likely be having.

Make sure the food you cook and eat was prepared correctly (beware of stuffing cooked in the bird). Overindulging in the feast is generally commonplace on this holiday, but moderation is the key to a more pleasant evening of relaxation.

With all things in mind, I hope you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

Community Updates

TA policy unchanged

The Army’s Tuition Assistance policy has not changed. TA is still provided at 75 percent of tuition costs, up to \$187.50 per semester hour, whichever is less, up to \$3500 per year, and subject to availability of funds.

Recent articles in the Army Times have mentioned the possibility of 100 percent TA, but the Army has not issued any guidance on this.

The current policy still provides soldiers with a cost effective way of obtaining their education while on active duty — Fort Huachuca’s soldiers used TA for over 4000 classes last year.

Parish coordinator needed

The available position is Protestant Parish Coordinator. The contract period is Dec. 15, 2000 through Sept. 30, 2001. No appropriated funds will be used for this contract.

Contract award and execution is subject to availability of Nonappropriated Chaplain’s Funds and approval of the Consolidated Chaplain’s Fund Manager.

Interested applicants should bring resume to Room 3, Main Post Chapel. For further information on the Nonappropriated Chaplains’ Fund Contract, call Chap. (Maj.) Mike Thomas, Resource Manager, at 533-4753.

Roads closed

The Directorate of Installation Support, Contract Management Division announces the following road closures.

Christy Avenue will be closed between Adair Avenue and Andrews Road for road repairs. Traffic will be diverted through the adjacent parking lot.

Construction will also take place on Canelo Road in the vicinity of Wren Arena to remove the dip and replace it with culverts. Traffic will be diverted around the construction site. Construction is scheduled to take place through Friday, weather and other unforeseen conditions dependent.

Motorists are warned to reduce speed and exercise caution while negotiating the detours. For information, call the Contract Management Division at 533-1442.

Housing Office closed

The Housing Office of the Directorate of Installation Support will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday season on Thursday and Friday. Housing will reopen Monday at 9 a.m. to assist all soldiers and family members with their housing needs.

Commissary closed Thursday

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed on Thanksgiving and will reopen Friday, for normal operating hours.

OSJA closed Friday

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed Friday to allow its members

to participate in holiday activities.

Emergency legal requirements will continue to be provided by the On Call Duty Judge Advocate.

For information, call Chief Warrant Officer 3 Dennis Tyree, at 533-3080.

Chapel hosts Sleigh Walk

The Post Chapel is sponsoring a “Sleigh Walk” or 10K Volksmarch on Saturday. The event is free and promises to provide plenty of family fun.

Hikers can begin anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the start/finish line at the Main Post Chapel.

For the kids, Santa will ride along hiking route on fire truck and he will be available for photos at Post Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A \$1 donation from every paid walker goes to the Chaplains’ Giving Tree Holiday Program.

Greyhound meet & greet

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host a Greyhound Meet and Greet on Saturday for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area.

Owners, with their adopted Greyhounds, will be available to meet and talk to prospective owners. No adoptable dogs will be available at this event. The meet and greet will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bookman’s Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd.

The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs. For more information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

DOIM classes set

The Directorate of Information Management is sponsoring the following computer courses for the month of November: Monday, Microsoft PowerPoint; Tuesday, Basic Excel; Wednesday, Advanced Excel; and Nov. 30, Basic HTML.

These courses are free and are offered to all active duty/reserve military personnel and their spouses, civilians and contractors employed on Fort Huachuca.

For more information, call the DOIM Training Center at 533-2868.

Have ‘baby’ questions?

Let Army Community Service help you prepare for your newborn through free classes offered by ACS’s New Parent Support Program. These classes are open to all in the community (military and civilian).

The upcoming class dates and times are: Assisting your newborn’s development, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at ACS. For more information, call Joan Jurik, First Steps/New Parent Support Program at ACS at 533-6877. To sign up for classes, call 533-2330.

USASC ACoFS, G8 closed

The U.S. Army Signal Command Assistant Chief of Staff, G8 will be closed Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for its annual holiday



MEDDAC photo

Smokeout

(At left) Kathy Archer, tobacco cessation coordinator for Fort Huachuca, demonstrates a smoker’s diseased lung to Delores Morales. Tobacco cessation classes are offered for individuals and units by calling Archer at 533-3279

party. The office of the ACoFS, G8 will be minimally staffed during this time. For information, call Pat Nickell at 538-6881.

Holiday Ball Dec. 8

The Fort Huachuca Holiday Ball is set for Dec. 8 at the LakeSide Activity Centre from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dress for the event will be formal wear for civilians and the dress uniform for military (Blues or Greens with White Shirt).

The cost is \$22 per person. Tickets are available from unit representatives. The choice of menu is Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Chef Randy’s Veggie Platter.

For information about the Holiday Ball, call Master Sgt. Kelly J. Hunter at 533-2769.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help man the Giving Tree located in the Post Exchange lobby, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily through Dec. 8. Volunteers are also needed to man the trees at the chapels before and after church services, and play Santa 11 a.m.-1 p.m. To volunteer, call Paula at 458-7664.

For more information, call Jo at 533-4748 or 533-5559, or Paula at 458-7664.

OSJA closed Dec. 8

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closing for its holiday activities on Dec. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For emergency legal services please contact the PMO Desk Sergeant who will then contact

the On-Call Duty JAG Officer.

For information, call Chief Warrant Officer 3 Dennis Tyree, OSJA, at 533-3080.

OCSC December luncheon

The Fort Huachuca Officers’ and Civilians’ Spouses’ Club will host its December luncheon at the LakeSide Activity Centre 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Dec. 13.

There will be an Ornament Auction. The “We Care” project for December will be the Turn Around Point, bring new or used housewares (small appliances, dishes, etc.). For reservations, call, 458-7664 by Dec. 8.

DIS closed

The DIS will be closed 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 14. This closure is so the employees can attend holiday activities. For emergencies, call 533-2623.

Federal jobs workshop

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is offering a Federal Jobs Workshop on Dec. 15. The workshop covers how to find out about federal job vacancies, how to apply, what forms to use and how selections are made. The Resumix scannable resume used to apply for jobs at Fort Huachuca will be explained. The workshop will be held in the ACAP Center, Building 22420 (next to Military Clothing Sales) in the Old Post area. No reservation is necessary. The public is invited to attend. For information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

School News

Myer students prepare for holidays with learning

Myer Elementary School release

Magellan Running Club's top fourth grade girl was Maria Bowman, from Jeanne Powell's room, with 11 1/4 miles. Top fourth grade boy was Brandon Kizer, from Jan Barnes' room, with 11 miles. Top fourth grade class was Jan Barnes' room, with 83 1/4 miles.

Top fifth grade girls were Esther Jin, from Val Quarto's room, and Amanda Hupp and Aubrey Jones, from Dede Covert's room, with 8 miles. Top fifth grade boy was Mark Weathersby, from Bonnie Burleson's room, with 8 3/4 miles. Top fifth grade class was Bonnie Burleson's room, with 61 1/2 miles.

Myer students ran a total of 560 miles for the four-day period and a grand total of 9,049 miles for the year.

Myer fourth and fifth grade classes

are preparing for their Christmas programs. The fourth grade program, "Santa's Shopping Network," is scheduled for Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The fifth grade program, "A Christmas Portrait," is scheduled for Dec. 15 at 1:30 p.m. A special appearance by the "Tres Amigos," Myers' own school janitors, will also be performing for us.

Both of these programs will be in the Myer gym under the direction of Linda Dailing, the music teacher.

Maureen Brady's fourth grade art students have been continuing to study "key drawing words." They have been using overlapping, density, size, contour lines and surface to create the illusion of three-dimensional objects that are near and/or far away.

They are starting to work on decorating

the stage backdrop for their Christmas musical, "Santa's Shopping Network."

Maureen Brady's fifth graders have been involved in a unit on masks. After studying about the history of why masks were made and their uses, they made colored construction paper masks that showed emotions.

They are now working on papier-mâché masks and clay masks. They will be starting to work on decorating their stage backdrop for their Christmas musical, "A Christmas Portrait."

Marsha Hamric and Jennifer Winterfeld are working with all the students on dictionary and encyclopedia skills.

Learning these skills in the library will help carry over into the classrooms when the students have to write reports. No more — "I don't know where or how to find the

information I need."

Myer students brought in over seven hundred food items for the annual food drive. This was just one activity the children took part in during Red Ribbon Week.

The food will be used for families here at Myer school or others we learn about. We are grateful to all who could and did take part in this activity.

Terri Aguon's and Anita Ladensack's resource rooms are studying Australia as a basis for creative writing. Capt. Steve Somiatti and his wife, Karla, are coming to speak to the classes and give them first-hand information on Australia, their homeland.

They will learn a song, have food native to Australia, and will view and handle Australian items. There will be things like money, rugby ball, flag and a musical instrument.

Native American Heritage Month

Native American guardsman earns star

By Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — When Col. Thomas S. Walker put his brigadier stars on this weekend, he became the only Native American general officer currently serving in the Army, according to the active Army, Army Reserve and National Guard Bureau General Officer Management offices.

Walker, who traces his lineage from both Cherokee and Wyandot Indian tribes, was promoted Veterans Day at the Ardmore, Okla., National Guard Armory.

"While I am honored to be known as a Native American general, I am even prouder to be representative of a very diverse and culturally rich Oklahoma society," Walker said. "While Oklahoma is known for the many Native American tribes and Europeans who settled there, there are also many Czech, Russian and Vietnamese communities. So many Native Americans serve (in the mili-



Army photo

Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Walker

dier general during the First Seminole War from 1815 to 1818.

Congress revoked McIntosh's rank in 1820, claiming his rank was invalid because he had not been appointed by the president nor approved for the rank by the Senate.

The next Native American to become a general was Ely S. Parker from the Seneca tribe. As a Union lieutenant colonel during the Civil War, Parker drafted the final

tary) that it makes me think I'm not much different.

Walker recalled how he filled in "human race" when asked for his ethnicity on Army forms when he enlisted in 1968. A lawyer both in his military and civilian jobs, he quipped that it was safe to say that as the statue of limitations had passed.

The first Native American Army general officer was William McIntosh, a Creek Indian. He commanded an Army regiment of 1,500 Creek warriors as a brigadier general during the First Seminole War from 1815 to 1818.

surrender papers for Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. He was given an honorary brigadier rank in 1867 with the promotion back dated to 1865.

Following the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Osage tribesman and Army Col. Clarence Tinker was promoted to brigadier in 1941. He was promoted to major general in 1942 and was shortly thereafter killed in action while leading a group of LB-30 bombers near Wake Island. Oklahoma's Tinker Air Force Base is named after him.

Other Native Americans who have earned Army general's stars since World War II include Maj. Gen. Hal L. Muldrow (Choctaw) and Brig. Gen. Otwa T. Autry (Creek).

Walker was awarded of his juris doctorate in law from the University of Oklahoma in 1972. He received a direct commission to first lieutenant in the Oklahoma National Guard in 1975. He has served in a variety of Staff Judge Advocate General positions.

Walker is currently assigned as a special assistant to the judge advocate general of the Army.

(Editor's note: November is Native American Indian Heritage Month.)